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Man Charged with Multiple Counts of Rape After Assaults in Long Beach

A 32-year-old man accused of sexually assaulting two women in Long Beach pleaded not guilty today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

David Faavale Tautolo (dob 7/8/82) of Signal Hill was charged with eight felonies: two counts of kidnapping to commit another crime, two counts of forcible rape, and one count each of forcible oral copulation, attempted sodomy by use of force, sodomy by use of force and making criminal threats in case NA100574.

The charging document also includes special allegations that the defendant committed kidnapping with multiple victims.

Deputy District Attorney Safaan Ahmed, who is prosecuting the case, said on Jan. 14 the first victim was at a bus station when the defendant reportedly grabbed her and forced her into his car.

Tautolo allegedly drove the car away from the bus station and then sexually assaulted the victim while she was inside the car, the prosecutor said. After some time, the victim was able to get away, called police and alerted them about the assault.

On Oct. 16 the defendant allegedly picked up the second victim in his car, took her to an alleyway and raped her. After the assault, the victim called police, the prosecutor said. The next day, authorities located Tautolo and arrested him in connection with the crimes.

Tautolo is expected to return to court on Jan. 20 for a preliminary hearing setting at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Long Beach in Department S01. He currently remains in custody on \$4.5 million bail.

If convicted as charged, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of life in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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